

Docket No. 225/48731  
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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

Please AMEND Claim 9 as follows:

9. (AMENDED) A reluctance motor having a motor and at least two salient stator poles with each of said stator poles being provided with an exciter coil, said reluctance motor further comprising at least one spring biasing [mean] means positioned against an end of each of said exciter coils which faces said rotor to apply a radial force to said exciter coils in a direction away from said rotor.